

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the application, in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application; Claims 9-14 having been presently added.

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect with traverse the invention of group I, Claims 1-4 and new dependent Claims 9-14, drawn to a friction transmission unit.

Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding restriction requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 be conducted.



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